

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph at page 8, line 20 through page 9, line 6 with the following amended paragraph:

--The handset **102** has an antenna **108** extending therefrom, and extends the distance within which the cordless handset may electronically communicate with the base station **104**. The handset **102** further includes a speaker **116**, a microphone **114**, and control keypad and display unit **112** for operating the telephone portion of the device **100**, as well as for selecting and regulating the audio generated by the audio module **122**. The audio controls include audio selection buttons **138**, volume control buttons **148**, and a mute switch **118**--

Please replace the paragraph at page 10, line 11 with the following amended paragraph:

--Common to all embodiments is a mute switch **118, 120** disposed on the handset **102**, or the base 104, or in both locations, which functions to control the injection of audio into the telephone speaker **116**, as well as into the transmit path of the telephone **100**. The mute button 118, 120 provide selective control of the simultaneous audio and telephony operations, thereby enabling a connected party to hear the audio generated by the audio module **122** in the background of the conversation. The operation of the mute button allows user of the device to cause the telephonically connected party to listen to audio generated via the audio generated by the audio module 122. In addition, the audio volume controls 138, 148 allow the user to increase or decrease the volume level of the

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audio being injected into the telephone system. Thus both the user and the connected party will here the audio at the same volume level.--